

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 5327, With an  
Amendment**

**(The amendment consists of a complete new text)**

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5327

To authorize assistance to Israel for the Iron Dome anti-missile defense  
system.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2010

Mr. NYE (for himself, Ms. GIFFORDS, Mr. MCMAHON, Mr. HIMES, Mr. ACK-  
ERMAN, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. KOSMAS, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. TUR-  
NER, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) introduced the following bill; which was  
referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

To authorize assistance to Israel for the Iron Dome anti-  
missile defense system.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “United States-Israel  
5 Rocket and Missile Defense Cooperation and Support  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The Jewish State of Israel, as a close and  
4 indispensable ally of the United States, with whom  
5 the United States enjoys mutually-beneficial mili-  
6 tary, intelligence, homeland security, scientific, tech-  
7 nological, and other cooperation, deserves all nec-  
8 essary assistance to defend itself and its citizens  
9 from the many threats that it continues to face.

10 (2) The State of Israel has been under grave  
11 threat and frequent attack from missiles, rockets,  
12 and mortar shells fired at Israeli civilian targets by  
13 militants from the Foreign Terrorist Organization  
14 Hamas on its southern border and by the Foreign  
15 Terrorist Organization Hezbollah on its northern  
16 border, which have killed, wounded, or inflicted psy-  
17 chological trauma on countless Israelis.

18 (3) The United States remains committed to  
19 Israel's qualitative military edge, including its ad-  
20 vantage over non-state actors such as Hamas and  
21 Hezbollah, which boast increasingly sophisticated  
22 and powerful weapons as a result of support from  
23 Iran, Syria, and other state actors.

24 (4) Regional stability and lasting peace between  
25 Israel and the Palestinians requires that Israel can

1       ensure the safety of its population against rocket,  
2       missile, and other threats.

3           (5) The United States can help to advance its  
4       own vital national security interests and the cause of  
5       peace by supporting Israel's ability to defend itself  
6       against rocket, missile, and other threats.

7           (6) The State of Israel announced in January  
8       2010 the successful testing of its Iron Dome Short  
9       Range Artillery Rocket Defense System which is de-  
10      signed to intercept short-range rockets, missiles, and  
11      mortars launched by militants in Gaza and southern  
12      Lebanon.

13          (7) In the face of threats from its neighbors  
14      and non-state actors, Israel historically has sought  
15      the means to defend itself, by itself.

16          (8) President Barack Obama has stated: "Our  
17      commitment to Israel's security is unshakable."

18          (9) Vice President Joe Biden has stated:  
19      "From my experience, the one precondition for  
20      progress is that the rest of the world knows this—  
21      there is no space between the U.S. and Israel when  
22      it comes to security—none."

23          (10) Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates has  
24      stated: "President Obama has affirmed, the United  
25      States commitment to Israel's security is

1 unshakable, and our defense relationship is stronger  
2 than ever, to the mutual benefit of both nations.”.

3 (11) President Obama recently requested funds  
4 to help the State of Israel procure and maintain  
5 Iron Dome missile batteries.

6 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL FOR**  
7 **IRON DOME ANTI-MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM.**

8 The President, acting through the Secretary of De-  
9 fense and the Secretary of State, is authorized to provide  
10 assistance to the Government of Israel for the procure-  
11 ment, maintenance, and sustainment of the Iron Dome  
12 Short Range Artillery Rocket Defense System for pur-  
13 poses of intercepting short-range rockets, missiles, and  
14 mortars launched against Israel.